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VISIT OF SC/ST COMMISSION TO JHAJJAR
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Commission visited the Dulina Police Chowki inJhajjar District of Gurgaon where some Dalits were murdered while they were in Police custody:

(b) if so, whether the Commission has submitted any report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b):- Yes, Sir

(c) & (d):- An enquiry into the causes of the crime revealed that while the contract for removing hides and skin of dead animals is in vogue in Gurgaon, there is no such system of awarding contract in District Jhajjar for the last ten years and the dead animals are generally buried. Perhaps, the victims were not aware this fact and they had started skinning a dead cow by the roadside, which was mistaken as an incident of cow slaughter and this perhaps, had hurt the religious sentiments on the day of Dushehra festival.

The Commission has recommended, among other things, as follows: -

i) As four of the victims were married and sole bread earning members of their families, and the fifth was an unmarried worker, all belonging to Scheduled Caste community, all of their families deserve full support from the State for their economic and Social rehabilitation.

ii) All the four Dependent widows and the next kin of the unmarried victims of this unfortunate tragedy should be given appropriate employment by the State Government, apart from adequate financial compensation. In addition, one of the victims did not own any house and in absence of the sole bread earner, it would be appropriate to have a dwelling unit allotted to her under Indira Awas Yojna.

iii) Punitive action should be taken against the erring officials found guilty.

iv) The criminals committing atrocities on the victims and found guilty for killing those innocent people and their abettors should be immediately arrested and punitive action is taken against them according to the law of the land.

v) In order to avoid such incidence in future and to ensure appropriate disposal of dead animals, Government of Haryana should evolve appropriate mechanism as is prevailing in other districts keeping in view the sentiments of the dominant community and other economic and social factors.

However, an enquiry report initiated in the matter by the Divisional Commissioner, Rohtak, Government of Haryana has not so far been received in this Ministry.